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1. On 8 January 1954, the Panzer Kaserne in Burg was occupied by 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. In the morning, about 300 soldiers were engaged in close-order drill at squad level with and without small arms and did firing practice. A JS-3 tank left the installation toward the target range where two SP guns, probably with subcaliber tubes, fired at targets placed a distance of about 150 meters. Some sheds observed at the southern section of the Panzer Kaserne were occupied by trucks. The other motor vehicle or tank garages were closed. Two JSU-122 stood in front of a garage.

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On 8 January, the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied by 1,500 to 1,700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Only 30 to 40 percent of the windows of two buildings were lighted after dusk. Intensive training activity, mostly close-order drill at squad level, was seen in the morning. Numerous trucks were standing in front of the garages probably for inspection. About 150 soldiers were engaged in field training and repairing of obstacles at the training grounds south of the installation. Firing practice with small arms and light machine guns at the target ranges was observed in the afternoon. At 4 p.m., four trucks, each occupied by 10 to 12 soldiers and towing a 122-mm howitzer, came from the direction of Altengrabow and entered the installation.

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Comment. The information apparently indicates no change in the occupation of the Panzer Kaserne and Artillerie Kaserne compared with reports by the same source and other sources in early December 1953.

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